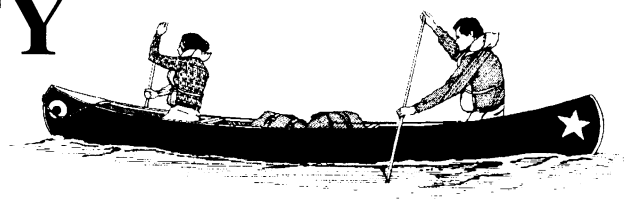


WATER SAFETY

Post-Visit Activity



Activity

The River Safety Game

Adapted From

Smokey the Bear's Fire Safety Game

Setting

Classroom

Duration

20-30 minutes

Subject Areas

Health

Skills

Recollection, Counting, Following written directions

Grade Level

2-3

Objective:

Students will be able to:

1. learn appropriate water safety procedures
2. complete the game using correct water safety procedures

WV-IGOs:

Reading Comprehension - 2.42,
2.43, 2.55, 3.30, 3.33

Social Studies - 3.8, 2.6

Health - 2.6, 2.7, 3.6

VOCABULARY

accident	kayak
raft	hazards
canoe	PFD

MATERIALS

1. River Safety Game Board (one for every three students)

BACKGROUND

The New and Gauley rivers possess hazards that threaten the safety of its recreational users. If activities such as fishing, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, and rafting are to be done safely, participants need to know and apply water safety rules.

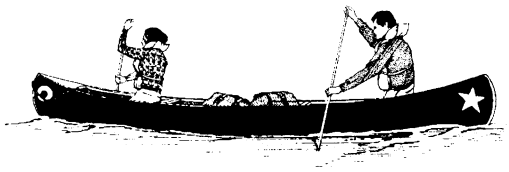
PROCEDURES

1. Make copies of the game board for each group of students.
2. Introduce students to The River Safety Game by telling them:

"Every year thousands of people visit New River Gorge National River to experience the river. Many people enjoy fishing, rafting, swimming, and canoeing in and along New River. New River itself is very powerful and has many potential hazards. You and your partners will play a game. In the game, you will face the challenge of traveling safely by boat down the river. Your goal is to travel from the put-in to the take-out without a serious accident. Safety dictates that you take turns and that only one player moves at a time."

3. Explain "put-in" and "take-out."





PROCEDURES *(continued)*

4. Wrap up the activity with a discussion of the situations encountered during the game.

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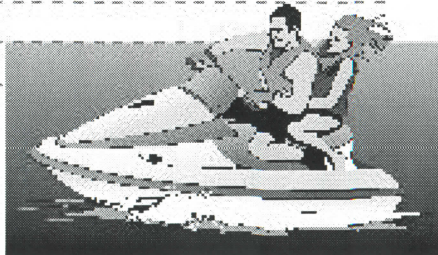
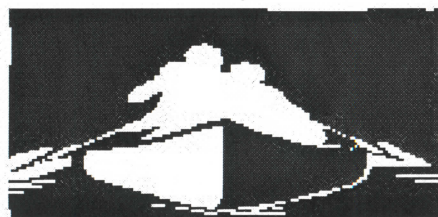
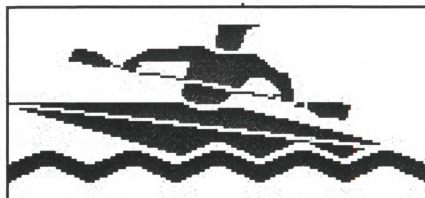
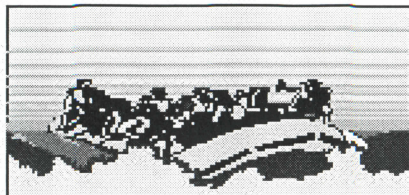
Have the students identify and record any safety precautions they took while playing the game.

EXTENSION

Teachers may wish to make additional copies of the game so students can play at home with family members.

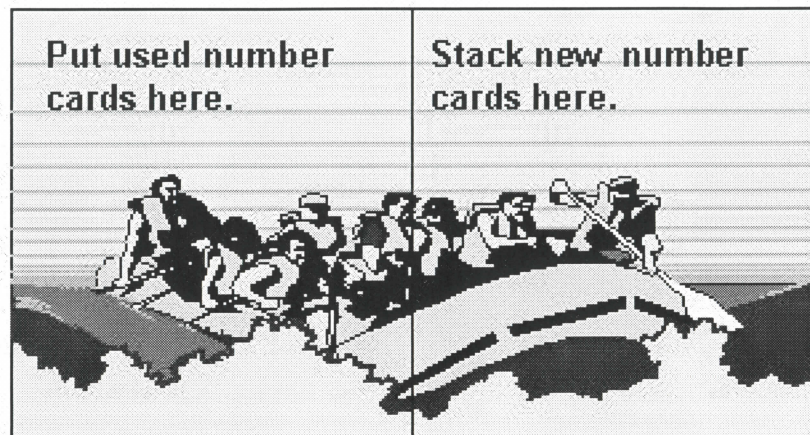


Choose a boat and cut around it. Fold the boat in the center.



Fold in center so that your game piece will stand up.

The River Safety Game



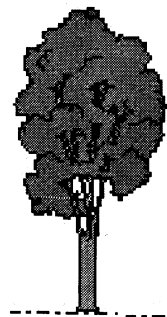
Playing the game:

1. To begin, cut out game pieces (boats), number cards, rules and raft stacking card. Fold the boats so that they will stand up.
 2. Tape or staple game board together by matching up tape symbols.
 3. Place your boat at the pit in. Draw a card and move that many spaces forward.
 4. When all of the number cards have been used, reshuffle the deck.
- Anyone who makes it safely to the takeout is a winner. You must land on it exactly since you can't paddle back up stream.

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2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3

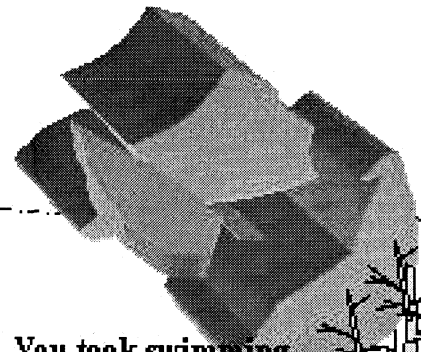
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Put-In

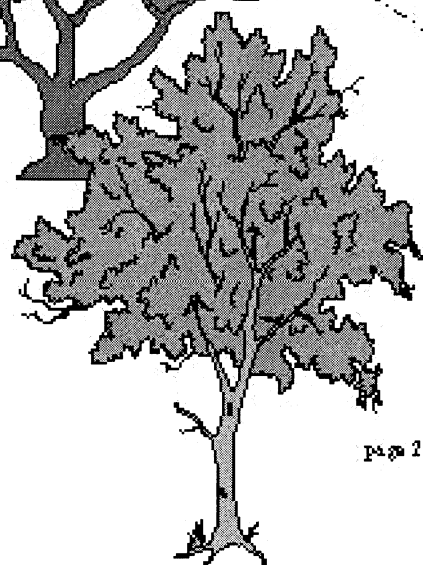
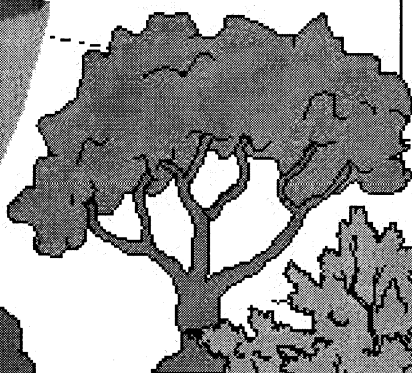
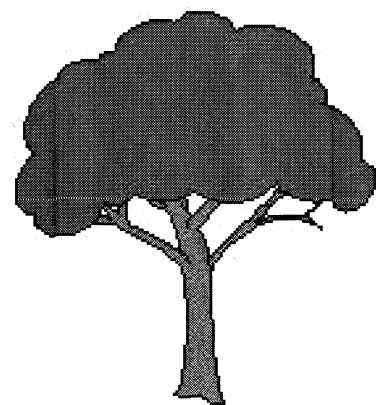
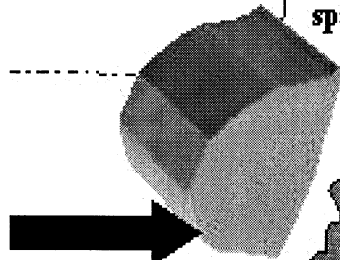
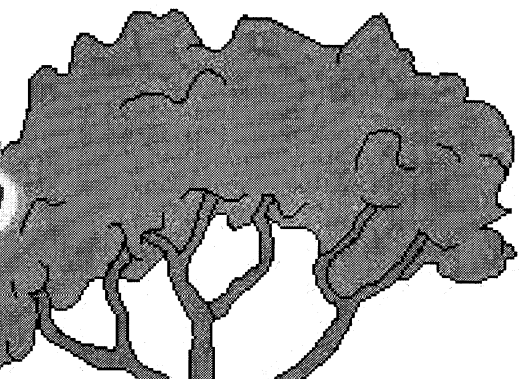
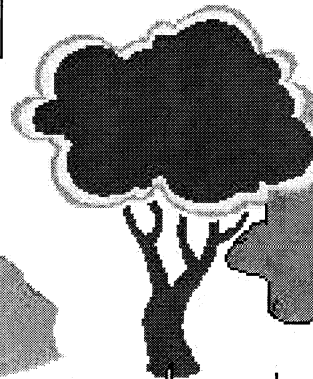
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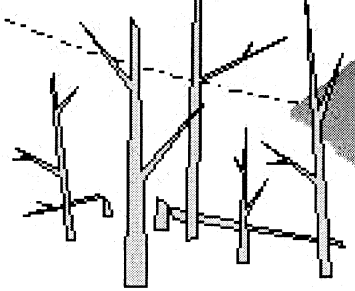
You took swimming lessons. Move ahead 1 space.



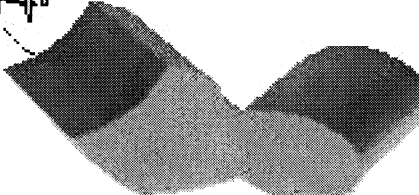
Always boat and swim with adult supervision.



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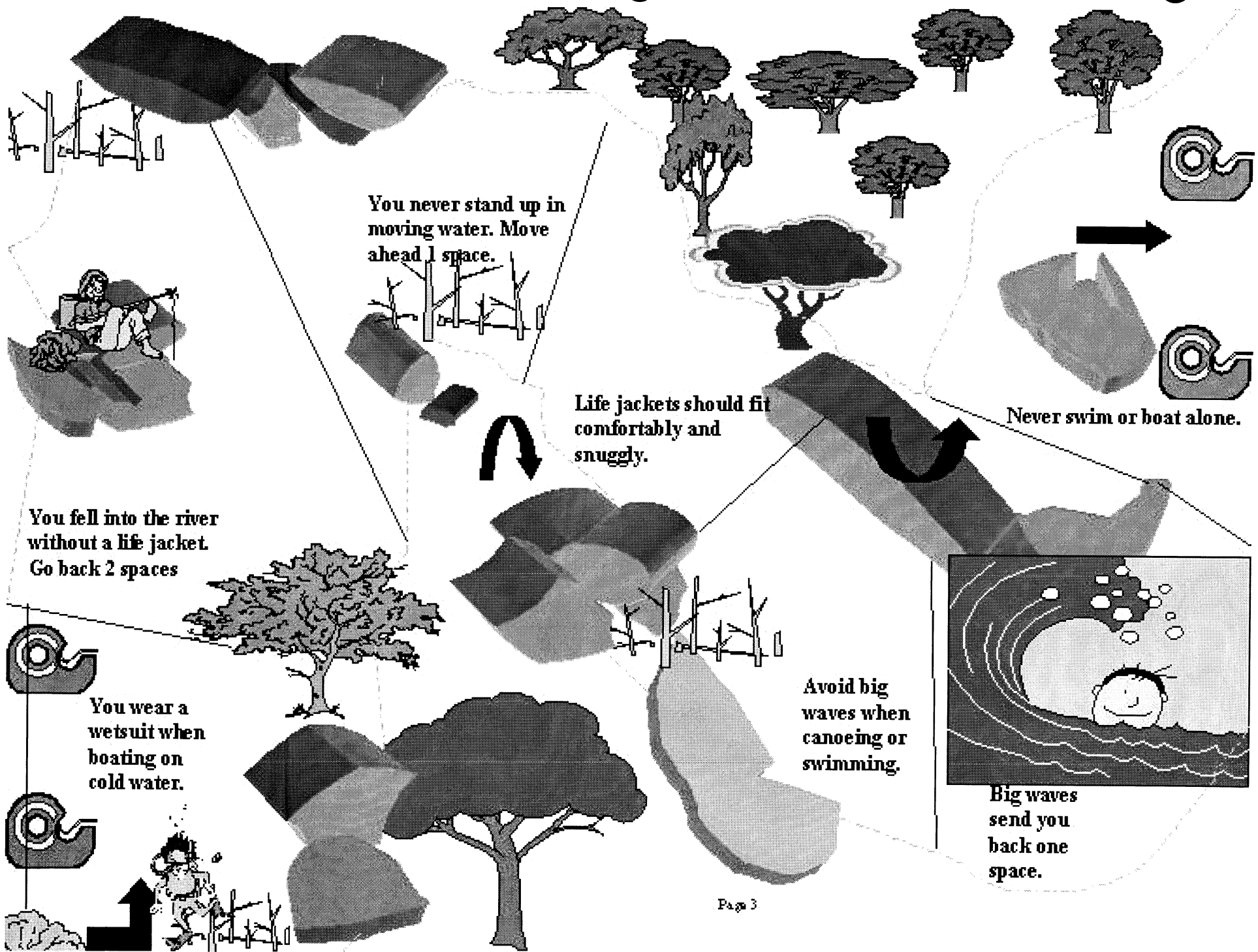


You avoid trees in the river. Move ahead 1 space.



Always wear a life jacket when boating.





You never stand up in moving water. Move ahead 1 space.

Life jackets should fit comfortably and snugly.

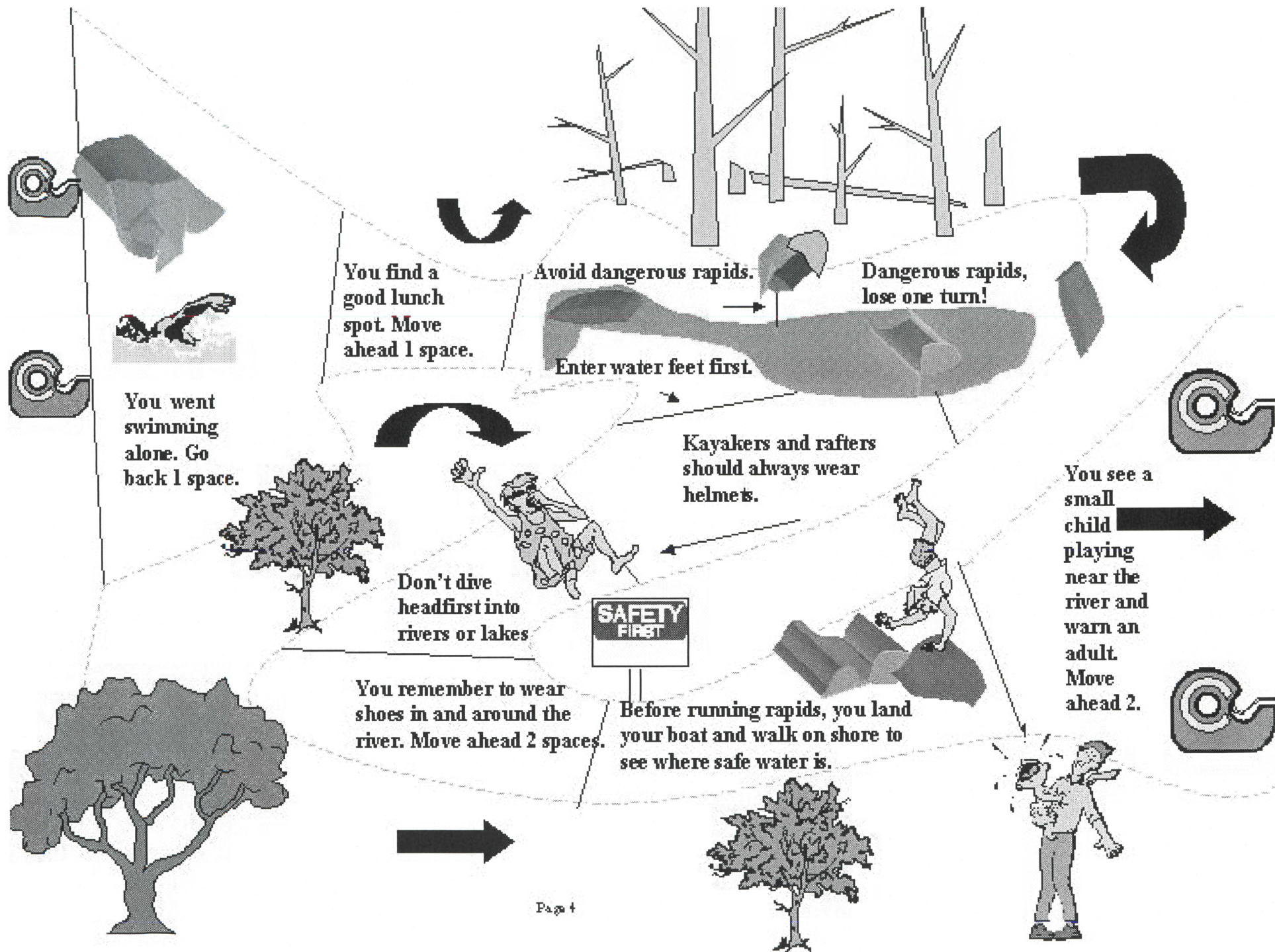
Never swim or boat alone.

You fell into the river without a life jacket. Go back 2 spaces

You wear a wetsuit when boating on cold water.

Avoid big waves when canoeing or swimming.

Big waves send you back one space.



Watch for undercut rocks.

When your boat tips over you remember to hang on to it. Move ahead 1 space.

Wear sunglasses and use plenty of sunscreen.

You rescue a swimmer by reaching with your paddle. Move ahead 1 space.

Give fishermen lots of room to avoid becoming tangled in their lines.

Raft or kayak rivers that you are familiar with.

The take-out

Think Safety!

1st

TEACHER NOTES

